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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CROWN PRINCE HASSAN

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1. THE ARTICLE BELOW APPEARED TODAY, APRIL 27, ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE "ARAB NEWS" ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY IN JIDDA. SAUDI NEWSPAPERS REPORTING ON THE VISIT OMITTED ALL REFERENCES TO AIR DEFENSE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. JORDAN'S HASAN ARRIVES RIYADH FOR CONSULTATIONS. (HEADING) CROWN PRINCE HASAN IBN TALAL OF JORDAN ARRIVED HERE MONDAY FOR TALKS WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD IBN ABDUL AZIZ "ON ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS."

THE JORDANIAN GUEST WAS RECEIVED AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CROWN PRINCE AND OTHER SENIOR SAUDI OFFICIALS.

HE WAS RECEIVED IN ADUIENCE BY HIS MAJESTY KING KHALED IBN ABDUL AZIZ MONDAY AFTERNOON. LATER HE WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR AT A DINNER GIVEN BY CROWN PRINCE FAHD.

WHILE HERE, PRINCE HASAN WHO IS VISITING SAUDI ARABIA FOR THE SECOND TIME, IS EXPECTED TO  
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DISCUSS JORDAN'S PLANS OF PURCHASING ARMS, WITH SPECIAL

FOCUS ON ITS DESIRE OF ACQUIRING A MODERN ANTI-AIRCRAFT  
MISSILE SYSTEM.

JORDAN HAD PLACED AN ORDER WITH THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE PURCHASE OF 14 BATTERIES OF HAWK MISSILES BUT  
THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SUBMITTED TO THE PRESSURE OF  
CONGRESS AND THE DEAL WAS LEFT IN ABEYANCE FOR SEVERAL  
MONTHS DURING WHICH THE ORIGINAL PRICES DOUBLED.  
JORDAN CANCELLED THE ORDER AND WAS REPORTED  
INTERESTED IN SAM MISSILES FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

THE JORDANIAN CROWN PRINCE WILL DISCUSS THE ARMS  
PURCHASE, POLITICAL OBSERVERS HERE SPECULATED.

SAUDI ARABIA WAS TO HAVE BANKROLLED THE ORIGINAL  
ARMS PURCHASE.

PRINCE HASAN IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE JORDANIAN ROYAL AND CABINET KHADR BADRAN AND SEVERAL  
OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS. END TEXT.  
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